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We Celebrate Michigan's Women Elected Officials

On January 1, 2003, Governor Jennifer Granholm made history as she became the 47th Governor of Michigan and the first woman in over 165 years of this state's history. Currently there are six states where women are serving as governors: Arizona, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Michigan and Montana.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the President's Commission on the Status of Women and urged the establishment of state commissions. The Michigan Women's Commission was

established following the passage of PA 1 of 1968, our enabling legislation, sponsored by Senator Lorraine Beebe and signed by Governor George Romney. Today there are approximately 270 state, county and local commissions for women located in the United States and its territories.

Since its establishment, the Michigan Women's Commission has encouraged women to be equal partners in government at all levels. This issue of *Michigan Women* acknowledges women who are currently

serving in elected state offices. Unfortunately, our limited space does not allow us to list everyone. Additionally, we want to encourage all Michigan women to be involved in government at every level as we celebrate the 83rd anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution giving women the right to vote.

As Governor Granholm stated in her inaugural address: "I pay homage to the brave women and to the just men who blazed

the trail to this door. In particular, I bow to those women who showed me how to rap upon its aged wood, who inch by inch cracked the door ajar, who looked in but were

"Women will change the nature of Power, Power will not change the nature of women"
Bella Abzug

denied admittance. I pay respect to all whose faith in democracy, whose belief in equality and humanity cried out: knock and the door shall be opened...And now that the door has been opened, my friends, you must come in. All of you."

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SELECTED WOMEN IN STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICES

Michigan Women Elected Executive Office

Governor Jennifer Granholm (D)
Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land (R)



There have only been 6 women who have held statewide elective executive office in Michigan.

Jennifer Granholm	Governor	2003 - present
	Attorney General	1999-2003
Terri Lynn Land	Secretary of State	2003-present
Candice Miller	Secretary of State	1995 –2003
Connie Binsfeld	Lt. Governor	1991-1999
Martha Wright Griffiths	Lt. Governor	1983-1990
Matilda Wilson	Lt Governor	1940 (was appointed to fill a vacancy)

(Source: Center for American Women and Politics)

Member	Party	District (area)
Martha Scott	D	2 (Highland Park)
Irma Clark-Coleman	D	3 (Detroit)
Laura Toy	R	6 (Livonia)
Shirley Johnson	R	13 (Royal Oak)
Gilda Jacobs	D	14 (Huntington Woods)
Nancy Cassis	R	15 (Novi)
Beverly Hammerstrom	R	17 (Temperance)
Liz Brater	D	18 (Ann Arbor)
Patricia Birkholz	R	24 (Saugatuck)
Deborah Cherry	D	26 (Burton)
Michelle McManus	R	35 (Lake Leelanau)

Michigan Women in MI House of Representatives

In 2002, 24 women (15 Democrats and 9 Republicans) out of 110 members were elected to the Michigan House of Representatives. Unfortunately this is a decrease from 2000, when we had 27 women, and from 1998 when we had 31 women in the House of Representatives.

In addition, Michigan has our first woman House Minority Leader – Representative Dianne Byrum.

Members	Party	District (area)
Artina Tinsley Hardman	D	3 (Detroit)
Mary Waters	D	4 (Detroit)
Marsha Cheeks	D	6 (Detroit)
Alma Stallworth	D	8 (Detroit)
Triette Lipsey Reeves	D	10 (Detroit)
Barbara Farrah	D	13 (Southgate)
Kathleen Law	D	23 (Gibraltar)
Lisa Wojno	D	28 (Warren)
Brenda Clack	D	34 (Flint)
Shelley Goodman Taub	R	40 (Bloomfield Hills)
Fran Amos	R	43 (Waterford)

Michigan Women in U.S. Congress

Of the 100 members of the U.S. Senate, there are fourteen, or 14%, women currently serving. Michigan has one woman Senator, elected in 2000 for a six-year term.

Member	Party	District
Debbie Stabenow	D	statewide

Of the 535 seats in the 108th U.S. Congress, 73, or 13.6%, are held by women. Of the 15 U.S. Representatives for Michigan in the 108th Congress, two women were elected in 2002 for a two-year term.

Member	Party	District (area)
Candice Miller	R	10 (St. Clair Shores)
Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick	D	13 (Detroit)

Michigan Women in MI Senate

In 2002, 11 women (5 Democrats and 6 Republicans) out of 38 members were elected to the Michigan Senate. This is a substantial increase from 1998 when we had three women in the Michigan Senate. See list below.

Note that Senator Shirley Johnson is the first woman to chair the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Ruth Johnson	R	46 (Holly)
Paula Zelenko	D	50 (Burton)
Ruth Ann Jamnick	D	54 (Ypsilanti)
Dianne Byrum	D	67 (Onondaga)
Gretchen Whitmer	D	69 (East Lansing)
Judy Emmons	R	70 (Sheridan)
Susan Tabor	R	71 (Eaton County)
Joanne Voorhees	R	77 (Wyoming)
Mary Ann Middaugh	R	80 (Paw Paw)
Barbara Vander Veen	R	89 (Allendale)
Julie Dennis	D	92 (Muskegon)
Jennifer Elkins	D	97 (Lake)
Sandra Caul	R	99 (Mt. Pleasant)

Wayne State University Board of Trustees (4 women/8 Trustees)

Diane Dunaskiss

Annetta Miller

Elizabeth Hardy

Jacquelin Washington, Vice Chair

We recognize the five women who serve on the Michigan Women's Commission and currently hold elected office.

Kaye Gubba - Shiawassee County Register of Deeds

Patricia Hardy - Bloomfield Hills City Commissioner

Anne Norlander - Calhoun County Clerk and Register of Deeds

Judi Schwalbach - Mayor of Escanaba

Joyce Watts - Allegan County Clerk and Register of Deeds

OTHER STATEWIDE ELECTED OFFICES

Michigan Supreme Court (3 women/7 Judges)

Maura Corrigan, Chief Justice

Marilyn Kelly

Elizabeth Weaver

State Board of Education (5 women/8 Members)

Elizabeth Bauer

Carolyn Cartin

Marianne Yared McGuire

Kathleen Straus, President

Eileen Lappin Weiser

Michigan State University Board of Trustees (3 women/8 Trustees)

Dolores Cook

Dorothy Gonzales

Colleen McNamara

University of Michigan Board of Regents (4 women/8 Regents)

Olivia Maynard

Rebecca McGowan

Andrea Fischer Newman, Co-Chair

Katherine White

**Women's presence in legislatures
and other state-level elected
offices is closely associated with
better policy for women.**

Institute for Women's Policy Research, May 2002

**Thank you,
Martha Griffiths**

On April 25, 2003, Martha Wright Griffiths, a long time advocate for women, lawyer, and elected official, died at the age of 91. She certainly opened doors for women by being instrumental in bringing women under the protection of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and for getting the U.S. House to approve the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1970.

She served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1949 to 1952. Governor G. Mennen Williams appointed her to Recorder's Court in Detroit, and she was a judge until her election to the House in 1954. She served in the U.S. Congress, representing Michigan from 1955 to 1974. She served as Lieutenant Governor of Michigan with Governor James Blanchard from 1983-1990.

Commission's Corner...

Welcome to the New Commissioners

On August 19, 2003, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed Maria Ladas Hoopes, Brenda Jones Quick, Judith Rosenberg, Karen Patricia Williams, and Gloria Woods to the Women's Commission. Gloria Woods was designated to serve as vice chair of the commission.

"These extraordinary women will work together to move the commission forward on issues that are important to the women and the people of Michigan," Governor Jennifer Granholm said. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for all of these women. They have a record of being advocates for the issues that are significant to women and their families."

Maria Ladas Hoopes, of North Muskegon, is currently a partner and attorney with Ladas, Hoopes, and Associates Law Offices. She succeeds Lynda Cosgrove whose term has expired.

Brenda Jones Quick, of Traverse City, is currently an attorney with Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge. She succeeds Tamara McDonough whose term has expired.

Judith Rosenberg, of Birmingham, is currently a property manager at Dunitz Management Company and active with the National Council of Jewish Women. She succeeds Kamar Amanullah whose term has expired.

Karen Patricia Williams, Ph.D., of East Lansing, is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Biology in the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University. She succeeds Mandeep Grewal whose term has expired.

Gloria Woods, of Bay City, is currently the program director for Underground Railroad Inc., active with the National Organization of Women and past member of the Delta College Board of Trustees. She has been designated vice chair of the commission. She succeeds Julie Stevens whose term has expired.

All are appointed for terms expiring July 15, 2006, and are subject to advice and consent of the Senate.

We also thank the six past Commissioners Kamar Amanullah (West Bloomfield), Lynda Cosgrove (Traverse City), Mandeep Grewal (Ann Arbor), Tamara McDonough (Beaver Island), Ramirra Stackhouse (Orchard Lake) and Julie Stevens (Saginaw) for their years of service.

Thinking About Getting Involved?

Running for Elected Office:

Contact your local County Clerk or the Michigan Secretary of State to get information on various offices.

Contact your preferred political party:

Democratic National Committee - www.democrats.org
Green Party - www.greenpartyus.org
Libertarian Party - www.lp.org
Natural Law Party - www.natural-law.org
Reform Party - www.reformparty.org
Republican National Committee - www.rnc.org
U.S. Taxpayers Party - www.constitutionparty.com

Volunteering for Appointed Board or Commission:

Contact the Governor's Office - www.michigan.gov/gov.
Contact your local units of government to see what positions are available.

Other Resources:

Center for American Women and Politics - www.cawp.rutgers.edu
Emily's List - www.emilyslist.org
Institute for Women's Policy Research - www.iwpr.org
Hispanas Organized for Political Equality - www.latinas.org
League of Women Voters - www.lwv.org
Michigan Political Leadership Program - www.ippsr.msu.edu/MPLP/
Michigan Secretary of State - www.michigan.gov/sos/
National Federation of Republican Women - www.nfrw.org
National Women's Political Caucus - www.nwpc.org
The Susan B. Anthony List - www.sba-list.org
Women's Campaign Fund - www.wcfonline.org
And many more links from these....

LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

Senator Beverly Hammerstrom introduced and held hearings on legislation that would provide parity for cost limits and utilization restrictions between physical and mental health coverages, SB 4 and SB 5. Specifically, the bills would amend the Insurance Code and the Nonprofit Health Corporation Reform Act to require that benefits for mental health and substance abuse services not be more restrictive than benefits for medical services. The bills are assigned to the Senate Health Policy Committee.

Representatives Fran Amos and Chris Kolb introduced HB 4888 and HB 4889 that are similar to SB 4 and SB 5 for mental health and substance abuse parity. The bills are assigned to the House Health Policy Committee.

PARENTING EDUCATION

Representative Artina Tinsley Hardman introduced HB 4101 to require all schools to provide life management classes, including parenting education. The bill is assigned to the House Education Committee.

For more information: visit our web site at www.michigan.gov/mcdr for a complete list of legislation impacting women or go to www.michiganlegislature.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If your organization is hosting an event that is of interest to Michigan women, please let us know (MDCR-WomensComm@michigan.gov). We will post it on our web site and, when time allows, publish it in our quarterly newsletter. Let's share our wealth of information.

October – Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence celebrates its 25th Anniversary.

October 20-24 – 75th Anniversary of National Business Women's Week

Tuesday, October 21 – Michigan Women's Commission Meeting, MI Department of Civil Rights, 110 West Michigan, Lansing, 9:30 a.m. Telephone (517) 373-2884 for more information.

Wednesday, October 29 – The Twentieth Annual Awards Dinner of the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, Lansing Sheraton Hotel, 6:00 p.m. dinner. Telephone (517) 323-7100 for more information.

The MWC Bids Farewell and Welcomes Staff

In January of this year, the Michigan Women's Commission bid farewell to LuAnn Maurer, who had served as Executive Secretary for the Michigan Women's Commission for two years. LuAnn had helped to hold the Commission together and was very helpful in providing her assistance to the new Executive Director and staff in transitioning into the office. LuAnn is now the Executive Assistant to Brian DeBano in the Secretary of State's office.

In May, the Michigan Women's Commission welcomed Florine Davis as part-time secretary for the Michigan Women's Commission. Florine is also the Executive

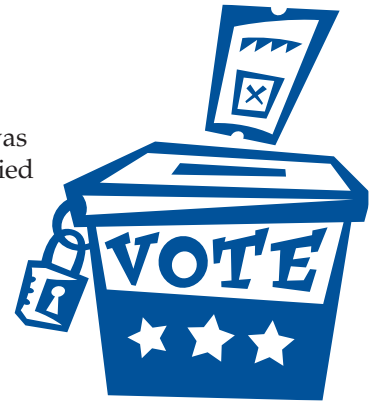
Secretary for the Department of Civil Rights Office of Human Resources Division. She began her career with the Department of Civil Rights on May 30, 1999.

In July, the Michigan Women's Commission welcomed Elizabeth Thompson as our Program Specialist. Elizabeth began her career in state government working with a gubernatorial commission on higher education. Since then, she has worked with the Department of Community Health, the Human Services Cabinet Council, the Department of Management and Budget, the Family Independence Agency and, most recently, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Women's Equality Day

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States was signed into law. The amendment was ratified by 36 of the 48 states. Michigan ratified the amendment on June 10, 1919. In November 1920, women for the first time voted for the President of the United States.

In the 2000 presidential election, 59,284,000 women voted— nearly eight million more women than men, the tenth consecutive four-year election in which women outnumbered men at the polls. (*The American Women 2003-2004*)



Amendment XIX

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Nannette Gardner (1828 – 1920) was the first woman to vote in Michigan, on April 4, 1871. The Detroit Board of Registration enrolled Mrs. Gardner, but other women were unsuccessful in efforts to register. She was permitted to vote in several more elections.

The *Advertiser Tribune* described Mrs. Gardner: “a lady of large size and commanding look, and, being dressed in black, gave an air of dignity becoming the woman who cast the first vote under the fourteenth amendment. She presented [the electoral inspectors] a vase of beautiful flowers and a large picture representing Columbia (who stands at the gate of liberty) with the fourteenth amendment.”

The *Detroit Post* reported that “Mrs. Gardner voted, as we understand, for the Republican candidates generally, with one Democrat, and one lady,” an early example of Michiganians’ fondness for voting a split ticket.

Mrs. Gardner, reflecting on her role, stated that “it is my firm belief that the women’s vote will inaugurate a new era on the side of morality, economy, justice and competency. If this proves true, it will be ‘honor and glory’ enough to have been instrumental in inaugurating it....”

Source: Nannette Brown Ellingwood Gardner papers, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan.

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